



Senate Housing and Development Committee
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

February 10th, 2024

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee,

SETA is a non-profit, public service organization dedicated to renters' rights and interests. We provide free community resources, including our free Tenant Hotline, and we directly serve about 250 renter households every month through combinations of several programs.

Nearly half of the people in the state of Oregon rent their homes. [According to state economists, more than 50% of Oregon renters do not have enough money left over](#) for food, medicine, and basic necessities. Nearly a quarter of all Oregonians are living paycheck-to-paycheck and are at direct risk of homelessness.

Oregonians should not face the risk of losing their homes simply due to a temporary shortage in rent. At current levels of need, the funds previously allocated will be gone by July 2024. Preventing homelessness is ten times more cost-effective than investments needed in homelessness services. We must invest in proven strategies to safeguard housing stability and proactively prevent homelessness.

We urge you to pass SB 1530 immediately to fully fund the Stable Homes for Oregon package and support those most vulnerable in our community. If you'd like to connect with me, please reach out to tmorris@springfieldeugenetenantassociation.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim".

Timothy Morris
Executive Director
Springfield Eugene Tenant Association